



Arlington Historic District Commissions Final and Approved Minutes

August 26, 2021 8:00 PM
Conducted by Remote Participation

Commissioners Present: M. Audin, M. Bush, B. Cohen, S. Makowka, C. Tee, J. Worden

Commissioners Not Present: D. Baldwin, C. Barry, B. Melofchik

Guests: D. and L. Friel, S. Sachdev

- 1. AHDC Meeting Opens 8:00pm**
- 2. Approval of draft minutes from June 24, 2021. M. Audin moved to table minutes to next meeting, seconded by B. Cohen. Roll call with unanimous approval to table to next meeting.**
- 3. Appointment of Alternate Commissioners: Jason/Gray – M. Bush, B. Cohen, S. Makowka; Mt Gilboa/Crescent Hill – B. Cohen, S. Makowka**
- 4. Communications**
 - a. S. Makowka received email regarding Town Clerk about record retention**
 - b. J. Worden said town manager plans to tear down house at Mt Gilboa – M. Bush added that there are rumors afoot and property is not in good condition. M. Audin asked if the property contributes to historic nature of the area. M. Bush said he sees 3 options – knock it down and turn in to conservation area, sell it as house and get out of town hands with appropriate deed restrictions or they could put affordable housing or offices back there but doesn't have parking, public transportation. S. Makowka will reach out to J. Raitt and Town Manager and circulate any response.**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Formal Hearing for 72 Jason Street (Friel) for exterior renovations with windows and doors. L. and D Friel gave presentation. House faces Irving St (corner of Irving and Jason). Property goes up Jason Street and different views shown. No actual visibility from Irving Street. Visible from Jason and Irving through the trees at a distance. That is why it does not qualify for a straight CONA. Red arrows show the location on the presentation. Crank style window now, going to replace window. Removing window and replacing with new one and the trim will match existing trim on the house. The new window sent today of the all wood Marvin window will be the replacement now. Keeping as a triple window with sash. Michael said the width of windows are substantially smaller than the other windows in the house, but he doesn't feel strongly. It's substantially concealed by built stuff according to M. Audin so he doesn't have a problem with proposal. S.**

Makowka said he would leave it up to applicant for 2 or 3 windows – either works. The sliding door now discussed. It's really not seen – it's the back of the house. Across street from Irving you might see the deck. Looking to change to French all wood sliding doors with detail recreated and moving to the right. So far back and replacing with wood. S. Makowka has no problem with proposal. No public comment. M. Audin moved to accept proposal as submitted with modification of windows to be Marvin Wood Ultimate Double Hung windows submitted by email on 8/26/21. Seconded by B. Cohen. Approving Marvin all wood Ultimate double hung windows. C. Tee – y, M. Audin – y, Worden – y, Cohen – y, Bush – y, S. Makowka – y. Unanimous approval – monitor appointed B. Cohen

- b. Formal Hearing for 54 Irving Street (Sachdev) for 2nd chimney removal. S. Sachdev gave presentation. Want to remove chimney #2 to make internal space between kitchen and dining room. Chimney #1 has 3 fireplaces so they are keeping. Chimney #2 serves only hot water heater and they want to remove it. Various photos shown with photos. From the front of the house you cannot see Chimney #2 at all. Walking along Jason St applicant could not see the chimney being removed. S. Makowka googled it and did find a time of year that it is visible from Jason without leaves. S. Makowka said the main one being the only really visible chimney makes him comfortable to remove Chimney #2. No public comment. M. Audin moves approval for the removal of Chimney #2 as a non-significant element of the character of the house in the District. Seconded by J. Worden. Roll call: Tee – y, Audin – y, Worden – y, Cohen – y, Bush – y, Makowka – y. Unanimous approval. Monitor – B. Cohen appointed.
- c. Informal Hearing for 69 Crescent Hill Ave (Bush) for fiberglass gutter install. M. Bush recused himself and came to other side of the table as an applicant. Gutters on front porch are not salvageable and it's time to go to fiberglass. Blue lines are where proposed to put fiberglass gutters. Fascia will be wood and gutters will be fiberglass. Back corner will need replacement as well. Was standard 5" wood gutters and back will be tricky. Will mimic wood on right at the gable. M. Audin moved that the proposal as submitted is appropriate for a 10 day certificate. Seconded by C. Tee. Roll call with unanimous approval. M. Audin now moved approval of the application as submitted as a 10 day certificate. Seconded by C. Tee. Roll Call with unanimous approval.
- d. Request from Town Clerk re: record retention. Proposed to throw away any certificates after 2 years. S. Makowka has concerns and feels this is the long term depository of certificates and permanent records. M. Bush feels they should be kept longer. J. Worden feels they should be kept longer. The legal record starts after the document has been submitted to the Town Clerk. S. Makowka will ask her to not do anything now and J. Worden will reach out to Mass Historical for input.

6. Old Business

- a. Avon Place Historic District and Realtor Designee vacant commissioner seats
- b. Report from Streetscape sub-committee
- c. Modification of Design Guidelines (Little Libraries)

7. Review of projects

8. Executive Session to Discuss Ongoing Litigation regarding 0 Ravine (Perlo v AHDC)

9:02pm S. Makowka moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation regarding 0 Ravine Street (Perlo vs AHDC) and to adjourn for the night at the end of the Executive Session.

Roll Call: M. Audin-y, M. Bush-y, B. Cohen-y, S. Makowka-y, C. Tee-y, J. Worden-y

9. Meeting will adjourn directly at end of Executive Session -Adjourned from Executive Session at 9:59pm

Respectfully Submitted – Carol Greeley, AHDC Executive Secretary